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WHEREAS, Unless this disparity is resolved, the region will continue to suffer from an inadequate health care infrastructure that is unable to address the medical needs of the border residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 77th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to establish a separate Federal Medical Assistance Percentage for the Texas-Mexico border region; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

Chavez Gutierrez

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Natural Resources Foundation of Texas and Texas Tech University established the Natural Resources Institute in 1992, and this notable collaborative effort is truly deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Working to provide an environmentally and economically sound future for the State of Texas, the Natural Resources Foundation of Texas is dedicated to educating the public about the conservation of this area's rich natural resources; this worthwhile organization has earned national acclaim for its unique educational approach and vision in its dealings with universities and colleges throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Texas Tech University, a school renowned for its exceptional research in the field, has also been widely recognized for its continuing commitment to environmental education and preservation; the university has worked to equip its aspiring teachers for their chosen careers by providing a well-rounded view of the environmental issues within the state; and

WHEREAS, The union of these two highly respected institutions has brought forth a truly unique organization; the Natural Resources Institute provides a challenging and exciting educational experience and invites an insightful perspective on the state of natural resources in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Working to understand, protect, and preserve the native environment of this beautiful land is truly a laudable undertaking, and it is a privilege to honor the men and women who have chosen to take on that endeavor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 77th Texas Legislaturc hereby commend all those involved with the Natural Resources Institute and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued success in the future.

Kuempel

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H.C.R. No. 216

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dr. Joe Wesley Dickerson of Jasper has been named Mr. East Texas of 2001 by the Tyler County Dogwood Festival Committee, and Dr. Dickerson has indeed proven himself most deserving of this notable accolade; and

WHEREAS, A native of Rockland, he graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University and The University of Texas School of Medicine; after serving in the United States Air Force during World War II, he returned stateside and worked as a surgical resident at Cook County Hospital in Chicago before moving to Jasper, where he has remained since 1948; and

WHEREAS, Known throughout East Texas as "The People's Doctor" and "Dr. Joe," he was instrumental in the establishment of the Mary E. Dickerson Memorial Hospital, named for his wife who died in 1961; and

WHEREAS, While still working about 12 hours a day, every day, he also maintains an active interest in ancient documents and has had a 20-year research association with a noted Princeton professor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dickerson's immeasurable contributions and lifetime of achievements have earned him a special place in the hearts of countless people, and his leadership, vision, and compassion have made him a role model in his East Texas community; his hard work and dedication in behalf of his fellow Texans is truly commendable, and it is most appropriate to pay tribute to him at this time; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 77th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby congratulate Dr. Joe Wesley Dickerson on being named Mr. East Texas by the Tyler County Dogwood Festival Committee and extend to him sincere best wishes for success and happiness in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Dr. Dickerson as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

Christian

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H.C.R. No. 217

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Due to their service in the United States Armed Forces, many native Texans must give birth to their children while serving in other states or in foreign lands, and it is thus appropriate that the Texas House of Representatives and Senate recognize these children as honorary Texans; and

WHEREAS, Texans take great pride in their state and its storied history, and the lineage of many of these Lone Star State natives can be traced back generations; military service is also a longstanding tradition among Texans, and their dedication, courage, and patriotism are renowned the world over; and